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Leadership Priesthood Meeting Cancelled

No June 23 Stake Meetings to Be Held

The Stake Presidency announce that the usual fourth Sunday Leadership Priesthood Meeting scheduled for June 23, 1946, has been cancelled, due to other matters pressing for attention at this time.

Furthermore, the Quarterly State Conference will convene June 29 and 30, and the two events coming so close one to another would be unduly demanding upon travel and time.

STAKE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

Saturday evening, June 29, at 7:00 p.m., all stake and ward Welfare workers will meet at the Oakland Ward chapel. At 8:00 p.m. will convene sessions for all the Leadership of the stake which includes the stake presidency, the high council, patriarchs and clerk, stake Melchisedec priesthood committee, all presidents and secretaries of Melchisedec priesthood quorums and groups, all Melchisedec group leaders and secretaries, stake missionary committee and stake mission president and district leaders, stake committees for both Aaronic and Adult Aaronic priesthood, ward bishoprics and clerks and Aaronic priesthood advisors.

Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock will see double sessions of the Conference, one for all women of the stake, and another for all men. At 10:30 the regular Sunday morning conjoint session of the Quarterly Conference assembles.

The stake missionaries will gather at 1:00 p.m. to hear the visiting apostle and others. At 2:00 the regular afternoon conjoint session for all saints will convene, while 7:00 p.m. is the hour for the concluding meeting, the Young Peoples' conclave under the M. I. A., with the Fireside session writing "finis" for another Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference.

A Testimony Of the Gospel

Gleanings from Sermon by Dr. Emery Ranker

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First, there is the testimony of faith. This has always been with mankind in all ages, among all creeds and nations. It is not dependent upon the Holy Ghost or the Priesthood of God.

Second, there is the testimony of the fullness of the Gospel, a testimony based on knowledge and truth revealed by the Holy Ghost. It is the testimony of faith added upon. It comes in the Church of God and by the Priesthood.

The great apostacy came and left only the testimony of faith. Man no longer had the truth.

THE TESTIMONY OF TRUTH

The testimony of truth is possessed by all leaders and members of the Church who keep all the

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Song Everlasting

Revived by Vera Mayhew

Paul Bailey's new novel, "Song Everlasting," written as a sequel to "For This My Glory", deals with the Mormon belief in the eternity of the marriage covenant. He says that it was written for his own people and he does not expect it to have commercial success outside of the church membership.

It tells the story of Emil Warren, a young Utah boy, from one of the southern countries, who, because he is sick of the life of his village, believes himself sick of everything that has gone to make up that life and determiens to leave it all behind and begin over again in Los Angeles. A quirk of fate keeps him overnight in another smalll town where he hears the golden voice of the girl he knows he must marry.

The story takes this young couple from the small town to the big city, through poverty to wealth

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MORMON MALE CHORUS PLANS TO RESUME

Photographed at KROW Studios, Oakland, California, 1936. Left to right, back row: Junius Payne, Ronald Cheney, Afton Stout, Vaughn Lamoraux, Vern Chapman, Herb Wieland. Second row from back: Kimball Sant, announcer; Denzel Allen, Oscar McCarthy, Karleton Driggs, Timothy Morley, Hal Miller, Gail Fjelstrom, Clyde Summerhays, Ivins Hilton. Second row from front: John Openshaw, Parley Fish, Robt. S. Sant, conductor; Jay Brown, Wendell Martin, Garney Johnson, Adrian Rice. Front row: Reed Chase, John Kay, James Kay, Jimmie Gain, Thomas S. Ferguson.

Message of the Stake Presidency

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." (Luke 21:25-26)

There was an almost universal hope that with the ending of organized hostilities among the nations universal peace might be enthroned. It is now more than a year since V-E day, almost a year since V-J day,—but where is that hope for peace?

Still a hope, but only a hope. There is strife and dissension, bickering, fighting everywhere. The only change is that fighting among nations has been supplanted by fighting among individuals and groups. The transfer is merely from the international scene to the domestic scene **all over the world.**

One is reminded of the words of Patrick Henry uttered upon another occasion and for a different purpose, but strangely apropos: "Gentlemen may cry, 'Peace! peace!' But there is no peace!"

Nor will there be peace until men learn to live with one another in peace, respecting the rights of one another, helpful to one another instead of gouging one another. In short, until men learn and put into practice the Golden Rule.

But far from doing unto others as you would be done by, the trend today is for each to get his, regardless. An honest day's work for an honest dollar is becoming the exception rather than the rule; the goal seems to be not how much but how little can one do.

The danger of this philosophy cannot be overstated. It is the diametric opposite of the teaching of Jesus Christ. It is the antithesis of the plan of salvation and eternal progress. And unless it is routed it will wreck our civilization, and worse, our very lives.

We call upon Latter-day Saints, and upon all others for that matter, to take warning. Take stock of yourselves and your attitudes. Check up on your sense of values.

It is not as if we had not been forewarned. Read the prophecies of old. They are replete with predictions describing the times and dangers in which we live.

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and the cares of this life, so that day come upon you unawares.

"For as a snare shall it come on all that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." (Luke 21:34-36)

Faithfully yours,

EUGENE HILTON
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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Scout News

Oscar Kirkham, one of the First Council of Seventy has been released from his notable position as Scout Executive of Region Twelve, including California, Nevada, Utah and the Hawaiian Islands. His church duties now absorb all of Elder Kikham's time. In his place as Scout Executive comes Harold S. Alvord, formerly head of Region Ten with headquarters in Minnesota. Mr. Alvord, a native of Ogden, Utah, a graduate of USAC at Logan, began his scouting career in Idaho.

ELMHURST SCOUTS

Gant Gay is the new Elmhurst Ward scout master. The scout master, two committeemen, and 12 Scouts spent Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, at the Camporette at Los Nothes. The boys passed a total of 20 tests at the camp. Dale Dye was chosen camp bugler at the Camporee at Lakeside Park June 7th and 8th. Dale also was chosen bugler at Camp Nivok, the training camp for junior leaders. Adrian Schipper, one of our troop committeemen, needs badges to be eligible as Eagle Scout. He is going forward to this end. We have only three committeemen on our troop and need more. Help!

MAXWELL PARK SCOUTS

Jack Tanner is our scout master with Mr. Adams as assistant. But Mr. Adams has become a neighborhood committeeman and so has had to leave our troop. Our troop made an over-night advancement hike to Dimond and Orchid camps. Were rained out! Great experience. Our committee treated the troop to a bean feed and party at Wendell Martin's. Six of our boys are going to summer camp, "Diamond O."

OAKLAND WARD SCOUTS

Well, folks, here I am with more news concerning the Scouts of Troop 46.

Troop 46 had its annual camporette in Redwood Canyon on the week end of May 25 and 26. It rained—we got wet—we had a great time. The camporette was successful. The rain proved valuable experience.

Sunday evening, May 19, on the anniversary of the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood, the Aaaronic Priesthood Choir favored the Ward with three beautiful selections. The Oakland Ward is indeed proud of this new choir.

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Genealogical Exchange

"I feel that we should have a Genealogical Query Column, questions and answers," writes Minnie Fisher Ellsworth, herself a researcher in this field of church endeavor. "In the Oakland Stake there are many able genealogical researchers who have always stood ready to help anyone in need of assistance. There is much to be gained from such a column."

As a sample of what questions and answers are invited for the Messenger's "Genealogical Exchange" column, we reproduce a few paragraphs from the May 10, 1946 "California Inter-mountain News" (Los Angeles.)

GENEALOGICAL EXCHANGE

Rules:

"1. Send all communications to Bea Robins, 1036 E. 20th Street, Long Beach, 6, Calif.

"2. Be sure to make your queries clear (include as much information as you can that will help to bring an answer), accompanied with a self-addressed envelope. Send no money. A limit of three queries at a time may be sent, and will be printed in turn. Notes and suggestions will also be welcome.

"3. In answering queries, the number of the query must be given. Answers will be forwarded to the inquirer.

"4. When receiving an answer or taking an answer from this department, the references cited should be checked and rechecked to see if they contained errors.

"Q-150 (1) WORTHEN-COWAP-GROW. Additional data on Samul Worthen (son of Richard and Mary Cowap Worthen) bn 21 Dec. 1825 in England; d 2 Feb. 1888, Panguitch, Utah, md 27 April, 1865 Maria Louisa Grow.

"(2) GROW-MOYER. Data on Mary Louisa Grow (dau of Henry Grow and Mary Moyer) b 10 Sept. 1930 in Panguitch, Utah.

"(3) LEE-WOOLSEY-WILLIAMS. Data on John Doyle Lee and his wife Agatha Ann Woolsey who had son John Alma b 25 Aug. 1840 Nauvoo, Hancock Co., Ill. d 11 Sept. 1881 in Panguitch, Utah. md Mary Ann Williams.—E. H. O."—Quoted from Los Angeles Intermountain News.

So, send all communications to Mrs. Minnie Fisher Ellsworth, 1 Kingland Place, Oakland 3, California, and follow the rules as above stated.

"Now that a temple is to be built in our midst," continues Genealogist Ellsworth, "People should be gathering all the data possible. We have access to some very splendid libraries and should take every advantage of their records. Remember how vital a subject Genealogy is to Latter-Day Saints."

In fact, no temple will be erected here or elsewhere until the people have records adequate for utilization of the temple's facilities. That is clear common sense. Let the people be up and doing, and the Lord will respond to their requirements.

"Mormon" Male Chorus Again

Plan Early Start in Fall

Four years of times' water having passed under the bridge of life, that famous singing group, the Mormon Male Chorus, reappears on the scene. The place, Dimond Ward Recreation Hall; the time, Friday evening, May 31, 1946; the people, "Bob" Sant, gifted choral leader, about 20 of the original chorus singers with their charming "fraus," President Eugene Hilton, and Isaac B. Balll, original sponsor of the chorus in its 1934 beginnings on radio station KTAB where an L. D. S. program was then broadcast each Sunday.

The Friday evening gathering aforesaid first heard President Hilton's greetings and hearty pledge of support, then helped themselves to some dancing, followed by speech-making by aforesaid Ball and Sant, and also by choral spark plugs Denzil Allen, Ken Everett, Herb Weiland, Oscar McCarthy and Afton Stout. The function was climaxed with generous servings of the chorus' standard "pepper-upper", apple pie ala mode, prepared and served under genial Eldon Holdaway, the leader of the evening .

Let's close this brief news item with a few kernels of thought contributed by the above mentioned speech-makers.

President Hilton: "The Stake Presidency has discussed the revival of our male chorus and feels the time is ripe for the chorus to again organize itself."

Bob Sant: "The history of the Mormon Male Chorus from 1934 to 1942 is a commendable record of achievement in the many and notable public appearances that were made before church and civic bodies in the East Bay. We now face the hard, serious business of again recruiting 'first tenors' (this is the stock term for a good laugh in all chorus discussions), and a full, well-rounded body of devoted and selected male singers. It can be done. This evening's gathering is only a preliminary, and the pleasant prelude to a lot of thought and action leading to the formal reorganization of the chorus, perhaps in September."

Isaac B. Ball: "Our enlarged Oakland Stake of 1946 with its near 9000 members will inevitably present a larger application list of singers for auditions than did the 1942 Stake membership of 5000. The future is indeed alluring for the Mormon Male Chorus. It has a mission before it which no others can perform in winning friendships for the church and in cullural and spiritual uplift of the membership of our Stake."

Denzil "Delano" Allen (three times elected chorus President): "We ought to have little trouble in interesting a good number of singers from among our large membership. The members feel they are amply repaid for any sacrifices of time and effort they must make."

Kenneth Everett: "If my inheritance from a long line of musicaly gifted ancestors gives me any right to a musical opinion, I will venture the statement that our leader, Bob Sant, is one of the very greatest choral leaders ever produced by our church. Furthermore, I feel that Karlton Driggs, our former accompanist, was almost the perfect piano accompanist."

Herb Weiland (Club's "habitual Secretary"): "We all enjoyed our singing under the baton of Bob Sant and we're going to go right on enjoying our chorus practices and appearances."

Oscar McCarthy: "We can do a good piece of recruiting among our own sons, if we go at it properly. I have three of them about ready for Bob's auditions, and I think a number of others will find good material among their own families."

Afton Stout: "In the last thirteen years I've known only two weeks of real vacation, working steadily all that time sixty hours a week. But this Male Chorus is my recreation and I'll gladlly join with you others in the future as I did in the past."

Score One for The Messenger

San Francisco

Dear Editor:

A clipping from The Messenger sent me by a good friend has interested me very much. I am a member of the Dimond Ward, and was President of the 4th Quorum of Elders before entering the Army.

I am very interested in what goes on in the Oakland Stake, and would like very much to receive the paper if I can. I am enclosing a dollar bill to pay for one year's subscription and to help pay the postage.

Hoping to hear more in the near future concerning this splendid paper, I remain

Gratefully yours,
Sgt. Richard F. Melsone

To which we reply "thanks a million," Elder Melsone. You'll get the June Messenger next week. Your continued interest in Oakland Stake is appreciated. We'll be thinking of you.

Pittsburg Ward News

Saturday, May 25, found about 50 of our young people on outings. The Aaronic Priesthood, accompanied by the girls of that age made it a day at Marsh Creek while the M-Men, Gleaners and Servicemen rode to the top of Mt. Diablo (amid a good deal of California sunshine!). Both groups enjoyed an abundance of good things to eat.

A talent show held on June 10 was a great sucess with all the proceeds going toward the Stake Tabernacle building fund. Master of Ceremonies George Eastwood kept the 22 acts moving right along. Local talent other than church members was utilized also. Pittsburg Ward members are looking forward to future announcements of novel ways to gather money for the Tabernacle and also for the Ward Chapel.

On June 21st there will be an M. I. A. sponsored Ward outing at the Antioch city park. Softball ala mode (a big softball game topped with plenty of ice cream) will be featured with games arranged for all ages.

The Senior Fireside group were privileged on June 8 to visit the Bancroft Library in Berkeley and see the Eliza R. Snow original manuscripts. They also toured the U. C. campus and topped the day with roller skating. Many similar outings are planned for the future.

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Aaronic Priesthood, Scouting And Primary Coordination

By Nathan G. Tolman

Closer cooperation between Aaronic Priesthood leaders, Scout leaders, and Primary "Guide Class" leaders is encouraged by the Presiding Bishopric.

It is hoped that all boys will participate in the primary program. Every possible effort should be made by kindly persuading them to participate and graduate before being ordained deacons.

It is hoped that the bishopric, deacsons' advisers, and scoutmaster will visit the "Guide Class" and help the Guide Leader to prepare boys for Aaronic Priesthood and Scouting.

If the Guide Leader and the Primary President desire it, a worthy adult, who loves boys and whom boys love, may be assigned to help the Guide Leader regularly.

The "Cub" program of Scouting is a fine program but is not our Church's program. We feel that the Trail Builder program with its emphasis upon L.D.S. ideals is better for our boys. It is said that our Trail Builder work, which is much older than "cubbing", inspired Scout leaders to organize the Cub plan.

The adviser to the Deacons and the leader of the Guide Class should work in close cooperation in the interest of these boys. They should meet together with a member of the bishopric at least once per month.

Appropriate graduation exercises should be held quarterly: June, September, December and March.

Good results have been obtained by sending "Guide" boys appropriate cards on their twelfth birthday. This is just another way the deacon's adviser may show his interest in their welfare.

Are we officers in the Church sufficiently interested in the membership of our organization to labor sympathetically, tactfully with those who are not active!

Inactivity in the church is the wide gate which leads to spiritual destruction, through which the "Children of the Kingdom" depart. No effort should be spared to save these precious souls.

God bless you workers in God's Kingdom.

Gridley Stake News Items

Gridley Stake was host to the region welfare group May 5th. Fifty members were served an old-fashioned dinner, including home-made ice cream and locally produced fried chicken, in the oldest building owned by the church in California, Liberty Ward.

The Aaronic Priesthood boys and LDS girls of like ages were given a real party in the local Memorial Hall May 14th, consisting of a dinner, program, and dance. One hundred and seventy-five were present, including forty-three from Grass Valley Ward. This group traveled over 120 miles for the party.

Sixteen young people of the Stake M. I. A., who have really worked hard and learned the dances, are going to the June convention in Salt Lake and will dance in the festival at Saltair. Their instructor, Sister Etta S. Todd, will accompany them.

SAN FRANCISCO STAKE REPRESENTATIVE

"I will look over available people who are capable, and see if we can get a San Francisco Stake representative for your fine paper. We congratulate you on The Messenger."—President Clark B. Peterson.

Latter-Day Saints Girl's Program

By Irene Ranker
Chairman Stake Girls' Committee

WARD BISHOPS: PLEASE SEE THAT YOUR GIRLS' COMMITTEE IS COMPLETELY ORGANIZED.

Many of the Wards in our Stake are fully organized and are functioning efficiently in the Latter-Day Saints Girls' Program. As work is started, the need for such organizations are completed and a program is keenly felt. The Stake Committee appreciates the cooperation of Ward bishops in helping to get this new program under way, and it is urged that all organizations be completed by the end of June.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Heber and Miriam Ellsworth of Claremont Ward, a son, Spencer Telford, May 31, 1946.

To Burl L. and Alfa La Rose of Elmhurst Ward, a son, Stephen Burl, April 3, 1946.

DEATHS

Rolyat T. Cox, age 59, of Elmhurst Ward, June 13.

Maxwell Park Ward News

The Elders of Maxwell Park Ward are taking charge of the Ward teaching as a project. All those who have not been visited by Ward teachers contact Brother Richard Allphin, 1910 Fruitvale Avenue.

We wish to congratulate Jean Krage, Vivian Williams and Dick Mower on their graduation from high school.

The Fireside group enjoyed an all-day outing on Memorial Day. After hiking to Sequoia Park, breakfast was served there at 7 a. m. A lively baseball game was played before the picnic lunch. In the afternoon games and program were enjoyed. A weinie roast completed the day.

We are very proud of our Ward Chorus. They were invited to sing on Memorial Day at services held at the Evergreen Cemetery. Their musical numbers were "Homing" and "America, The Beautiful."

On June 8th, Fern Allphin and William Everett were married by Bishop Paine in the Chapel of the Flowers. Fern is the daughter of Don Allphin and William Everett is a member of the Alameda Ward. Following the ceremony the couple left for Salt Lake City to be married in the temple.

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month Maxwell Park and Elmhurst Mutuals will hold joint sessions at Elmhurst Ward.

The members of our Mutual enjoyed a swimming party at Hayward on June 4th, and the M-Men and Gleaners have planned a skating party for the fourth Tuesday of June. Everyone of Mutual age is invited.

Song Everlasting

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and success each in his chosen field. They meet the temptations that come with success and go through the horrors of the great war. The theme of the story lies in the fact that each discovers in the end that he must be true to that conviction that was early planted in his soul.

The novel covers a wide field of emotion and experience. It is probably not supposed to be autobiographical, but from its pages the figure of Paul Bailey takes shape. The beliefs and convictions expressed by the characters are his. It is a sincere portrayal of life here and hereafter according to the innermost belief of the author. In it he has kept faith with himself and told the world and his people what strength a belief in the Mormon philosophy has given him.

A Testimony Of the Gospel

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commandments and covenants. It bears witness and speaks with knowledge and is not vague, but is sure knowledge of divine authority and the sealing power for eternity for the living and the dead. It testifies that man has a divine mission and destiny, and of the brotherhood of all men and of peace. The testimony of knowledge banishes fear and hate and despair and generates power for action. It impels one to keep the commandments, to pay the tithe, to keep the Sabbath, to observe the Word of Wisdom. All who live the Gospel, who study the words of God and who obey will receive a testimony of knowledge.

HOW TO LOSE A TESTIMONY

How can one lose a testimony? Well, a mule cannot kick and pull at the same time. We need the spirit of humility **to fortify us against the successes of life.** And even adversity can be stepping stones either upward or downward. Humility, obedience, purity—these preserve a testimony once earned, and win a testimony at the beginning. No one was ever "born" into the Church of Christ. Each must repent, be baptized and win a testimony on his or her own.

Can World Become Good Enough Fast Enough to Save Self?

"The world faces the dilemma of possessing power sufficient to destroy itself, while lacking the moral integrity to prevent it from doing so. The world today is in the predicament of the drunk who is told by his doctor that another spree will land him in the graveyard . . . Can the world become **good enough fast enough** to save itself from destruction? That is the question posed by the A-bomb!

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Oakland Ward News

Lt. Elmer Dene Ogden was home from the Army for just a few days before he had to report back to active duty in the Orient. Dene was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on the 17th of May, after completing Officers Candidate School in Fort Monmouth, New Jesey.

Home from the service for good is Robert Little, who recently joined the church on the East Coast while stationed there.

President of the Fireside, Val Shields, wishes to announce a big outdoor party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ranker. There will be loads of good food, dancing, games and fun for all. Watch for the date!

Incidentally, in Salt Lake City on May 25th the following young people met and had a real old-fashioned get-to-gether. They were Raymond Trone, Robert Sanderson, Afton and Donna Loveless, Wally Schaerr, Bill McArthur, June Barton, Earl Hill, Joel Jolley, Elaine Peterson, Robert Willardson, Aestill Latimer; and from the L. D. S. Mission Home came Rondo Manwaring and Ed Kingsford.

The M. I. A. is continuing with the summer programs Tuesday evenings at 7:30. A Bowling Club is being organized beginning Wednesday, June 16. Old-time dances will be held every other Friday night and picnics are planned for each month.

A big picnic party was held at Sequoia Lodge on June 13th with a special program of dancing, community singing, and fireside talks. Leath Cluff and Dean Bennett are activity and educational counselors in M. I. A.

Beatrice Noda, President of the Primary, announces a very active program for the summer season of arts and crafts, story telling, and parties once a week.

The Relief Society will hold regular work meetings throughout the summer on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a. m.

Maud West, who has been very active in the Relief Society and the Sunday School, is moving with her family to Santa Cruz.

The Oakland Ward Choir, under the direction of Ethel Mauss, will present the Sunday Evening Program on June 23. The songs will be selected from church works, and the history of the authors and composers will be given.

Elmhurst Ward News

Our M. I. A. summer program began Tuesday evening, May 28, at Arroya Viejo Park. Fine attendance. Basketball, volley ball, softball, and other games and community singing marked the outing. Several other events have been planned. All come! It's all fun!

Our Fireside Group has set an all-time high record of 52 attendance. These fine young people attend Sacramento meeting, also. Rich will be their reward.

Seven hundred tomato plants have been planted at our Welfare lot under the direction of the Elder's Quorum. Planted in May, the plants are now doing well.

The Primary Presidency entertained the Homebuilders at a theatre party, followed by a picnic party in the park, June 1st, and the Zion's boys' and girls' group at a party after Primary, May 29. Our Trail Builders group attended the Stake Primary party.

A Fashion Show and Concert Program was held on the evening of June 5th by our Relief Society. Mrs. William McCord, a most talented dramatic reader, presented the well-known play by Barrie, "What Every Woman Knows." The music for the ocacsion was furnished by a charming trio, Ruth Osmond, Mary Birchell and Dixie Meredith.

May 21st the Gleaner Girls entertained their mothers at a musical program and delicious dinner, served on a beautifully decorated table.

ROLYAT T. COX PASSES

Friday, June 13, came the shockingly sudden death of our Ward Clerk, Rolyat T. Cox, who had been ailing less than a week. Elder Cox has been Ward Clerk for six years, doing an almost perfect service. He had previously served for many years as a Stake missionary. He also was a President of Seventy, and Clerk of the Quorum for some time. Elder Cox leaves a widow and a married daughter. Bishop Darton pays tribute to the care and exactness of Elder Cox as a Clerk and is dismayed at the thought of replacing him. Elmhurst Ward suffers a big loss. The funeral was held June 17th.

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Liahona Club News

John K. Chapell was the speaker for members and their guests at the last Liahona meeting, May 27. The dinner was held in Dimond Ward by the Maxwell Park Ward for their building fund. It has been decided to have the dinners served each month by the wards that are trying to build chapels. Sam Scott and Vaun Moody gave short outlines of their businesses. Afton Stout sang three numbers that were enjoyed immensely. It was agreed that 25 cents be donated by the members each month toward buying a war bond to be given to one of the members—the lucky one to be chosen by lot.

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According to the "San Quentin News," prison paper, a recent meeting was presided over by Elder Stephen Winter, a member of the church residing in San Francisco. He was assisted by Elder John Roberts of Sunset Ward, a member of the Child Welfare Department of San Francisco.

According to the institution's paper, the theme of the service was that not only children of our generation need security, but the older people as well.

The fact that men should strive to build fine personalities for themselves was stressed. A splendid musical program was also presented.

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Dimond Ward News

Elaine and Bill Prusse, YMMIA Superintendent and wife, went to Provo for an enjoyable vacation.

Our Bishop's wife and son, Helen and Marc Lauper, are visiting relatives in Oregon.

Lois and Bliss Cook went to Salt Lake to be sealed in the temple.

Beth and Frank Eggertson are leaving soon to spend a short two weeks in and around Spanish Fork.

The Torgerson family have just returned from a visit to Utah over the Memorial Day holiday.

Lewis Shurtleff, returned missionary and recently discharged from the Army, has moved to Denver.

Several of our young men are home, just discharged from the services: Bob Hall, Bob Wright, Ted Hilton, and Chester Shurtleff.

The Mark Bryners will make their home in Philadelphia.

The Relief Society presented a play—a comedy given by The Sunshine Club. Door prizes were given.

Dimond has suffered from growing pains and has finally purchased the lot behind the church. The purchase cost was advanced by the General Authorities. We will all be given the opportunity of contributing to a fund for the building of additional class rooms.

Our primary has been re-organized. Sr. Price, President, Ida Hunt and Katherine Kollenbaum as counselors and Grace Harkins as Secretary. Sisters Price and Hunt have gone to Salt Lake for Primary Conference. We thank the outgoing officers for their splendid and faithful service.

Lost: A leather-bound copy of the Doctrine and Covenants which belongs on the pulpit in our chapel. The Bishop thinks a speaker unintentionally carried it away and left a similarly bound copy of the Articles of Faith.

There are several L. D. S. families who would like to live in this locality. Housing Director Mildred Morgan, at Andover 1053, will appreciate information leading to rentals of apartments or houses in our Ward.

Have you, as a member of the Priesthood, done your Ward teaching Have you as a family been visited this month by the Ward teachers? Let's all do our Ward teaching!

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VACATION PLANS

"If it works out as I plan, we —wife, son George and daughter Patricia, will motor up the coast to Canada, back to the Idaho Falls Temple, to nearby Yellowstone National Park, and then home by way of Salt Lake City, and the old home town of Hinckley, Utah"—President Eugene Hilton.

"Up the coast to Portland, along the Columbia River, through Idaho to Salt Lake City, thence to Central Utah, Fish Lake, Richfield, the old home spot, and return through Elko and Reno, etc.—the family of Robert Larsen, High Counsellor.

"The Norbergs plan to go to Lake Tahoe on vacation this summer." — Angus Norberg, Stake Clerk.

"Going fishing for a week at my favorite trout stream in the Sierras" (and with his favorite fishing companion, Jim Linford). — Dr. Emery Ranker, H. C.

"We plan to travel from Vallejo through the Redwood Empire, up the Columbia Highway, to British Columbia, back through Idaho to the temple there. Next Yellowstone and Salt Lake to attend my folks golden wedding. Then Bryce and Zion Parks, Southern California and back to Vallejo."—Henry Neerings, H. C.

"We spent our vacation — ten days in Salt Lake. Attended the General Conference in April, saw our daughter Marilynn married in the Salt Lake Temple to Robert R. Smith. We may spend a few days in Southern California later in the summer."—Eugene B. Jacobs,H. C.

"I want to take a trip in June to New York on business, though I love to travel so much that I guess this will also have to be called a a vacation."—Wm. H. Evans, H. C.

"I will follow my hobby of gardening for the major portion of the summer vacation. (Nate is a school teacher). Then we plan to spend a few weeks in Logan and visit friends and relatives there and in other Utah places."—Nathan Tolman, H. C.

"Vacation plans very indefinite."—A. G. Jackson, H. C.

"What vacation?"—Glenn Harmon, Stake Presidency.

"Our vacation plans are still fluid," reports Dellbert F. Wright, Stake Presidency. "Our boy being just back from Japan, we have been keeping things tentative. In August, perhaps we'll all drive up to Portland and may even get over into Idaho and Utah."

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Maud May Babcock Honored

Many will remember Dr. Maud May Babcock, former head of the Speech Department of the University of Utah. Retired and now 80 years of age, she still is an active force in the community, one of its best loved personalities. The last session of the Utah State Legislature saw "Maud May" rise at each session of the State Senate and invoke the favors of Heaven, as the duly appointed chaplain of that august body, the first woman chaplain in America.

Founder of the University Theatre and of its Speech Department, and Director of each for 40 years, she honored both and was in turn honored by acting as the Director of the University Theatre's Fiftieth Anniversary production "Pygmalion" presented to the public May 10, 1946. On May 22, Doctor Babcock was honored at a banquet at Hotel Utah when she was presented with a $1000.00 check by the Toastmaster, Governor Herbert B. May. Also announced at that time was the organization of the Maud May Babcock Scholarship to be used by promising students in the speech department of the U. of W.

Hayward Ward News

Friends of Archie J. Inger will be pleased to know he has almost completely recovered from his prospirational messages, but had the longed illness. Members of Hayward Ward have missed his inpleasure of hearing him deliver the Mother's Day adress. It was his first appearance in the pulpit in over a year. Mr. Inger is best known in the Stake for his oil painting of the Transfiguration of Christ, which now hangs in the Dimond Chapel, and for his book, The Rejected Crown.

Plans to present a three-act play, "Added Upon," based upon the Nephi Anderson novel of the same name, are being completed by membes of the Ward Elders Quorum. Tryouts are in progress for more than thirty parts called for in the script. The play interpretation has been modernized and due to the great interest shown in the book by Latter Day Saint people, the Elders hope to present it to members of each Ward in the Stake. Mrs. Pat Kammerman is directing the work. She was active in dramatics in Utah before coming to California.

Haywad's Fireside group also plans to present two dramatic ventures of its own. One three-act and one single-act play are in the rehearsal stage. The group boasts of much superior talent as many of its membes have held leading parts in the local high school productions. Financial returns from the project will become the Fireside goup's contribution to the building fund.

Dictionary of California Names

Tulare means a place of marshes; Tulle, bull rushes; Vacaville, cow-town; Ventura, luck, fortune; Yerba Buena, mint; Yuba, grape; Napa, name of an Indian tribe; Pinole, Indian word for parched corn ground into a meal; Sonoma, Indian for earth village; Suisan, Indian for a lot of water; Tamalpais, Indian fo bay mountain; Tuolume, Indian for people of stone houses; Yosemite, Indian for small grizzly bear.

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Berkeley Ward News

The Fireside Group has individual members, some returned missionaries, give the lessons on the Book of Mormon instead of having an instructor. On Sunday, June 9th, Dr. Beulah Ream Allen gave a talk on the Japanese prison camps in the Philippines during the occupation by the Japanese. She had been confined at Santo Tomas.

As to the group's active social life, quite a variety of events were packed into an all-day excursion on May 25th, including being rained out of Tilden Regional Park, a swim at the Berkeley Women's City Club and a dance at Berkeley Ward. Despite the minor misfortune of rain, the group all enjoyed the activities.

Before July 15th they hope to have a hayride and bowling party.

The Relief Society will meet through the summer months on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for the Work and Business meetings.

The 3rd Quoum of Elders spent Saturday afternoon, June 8th, at the Welfare House in Oakland. They washed the walls and ceilings in preparation of the canning to be done by the Relief Society for the Welfare program.

Two very interesting talks were given in Sacrament meeting on June 9th. Clyde Hill told of his travels before the war in Alaska, surveying for the Alcan Highway, and later in the service from Australia to Japan. Edwin R. Coltrin gave a summary of his life in the Army in the United States and also in England, Fance, Holland, Belgium and Gemany. All are glad they have returned safely.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Knight are finally taking the vacation they have long looked forward to, a three-week's trip up the coast to Canada. Some of the places they expect to visit are Victoria, Vancouver, Lake Louise and Banff, and the Cardston Temple. Returning they will stop at Yellowstone Park and Salt Lake City. Departing date, June 23.

On Sunday, June 2, Miss Lenore Mayhew of Berkeley Ward graduated from Mills College with a major in Music B. A. On Degree Day there was bacalaureate morning, a family dinner at noon and graduation in the afternoon. Vera Britain was the speaker and was given an Honorary Degree of Litt. D. (Dr. of Letters).

M-Men, Gleaner Girls And Servicemen of Pittsburg Ward

A remarkable program of events is being carried forth in Pittsburg by the M-Men, Gleaners and Servicemen. Here are some of the activities they have functioning. Sunday evening Firesides are alternated with Sunday afternoon gatherings in the park. At each gathering something of lasting value is presented by one of the members. Every Wednesday evening at Camp Stoneman the group present services for all L. D. S. Servicemen in the camp and for members of the Pittsburg Ward. Group Leader Lynn Fluckiger is in charge. In addition to these group meetings the Servicemen alone are in the middle of a welfare project. They have planted a cro of beets and are taking care of it from start to finish. This crop, when harvested, will go towards filling the Ward Welfare assessment. The servicemen also have a softball team organized. The entire group has a chorus and they have sung for one program with more in the offing. A missionary program is functioning whereby every M-Man, Gleaner, and Serviceman may be contacted and invited to join in the activities. On alternate Saturdays excursions to California points of interest are planned with three already in the past. Then at the top of everything come the duties to the church and attendance at all of the regular meetings. This group is a living example that the youth of Zion will be true to the Faith.

Deseret Club News

A visit from Dr. Franklin L. West, Church Commissioner of Education, was a highlight of Deseret Club activity at the University of California recently. Dr. West spent June 3 and 4 in Berkeley investigating likely property for an L. D. S. Institute, and while here addressed a group of 50 L. D. S. college students on the church educational program.

Pointing out the extent of seminary and institute training, Brother West credited the conversion of approximately 65 students annually to the Mormon program on 13 college campuses. He pointed out that 150 L. D. S. seminaries served H. S. students in the western states. The prospects for an extensive course of instruction in religious history and doctrine, plus a varied social program, were sketched as the consequence of the establishment of the proposed Institute to serve the Berkeley campus. "The church will provide facilities of which all church members can be proud," Dr. West promised.

Election of officers for the fall term was another Deseret Club activity held early in June. Ben Easton Sampson, '47 was chosen president, with Lola Nielsen, '49, and Walter Scott, '48, as vice-presidents, and Anne Wood, '48 as secretary-treasurer. Anne and Lola, and Richard Poll and David Cummings were officers during the spring term. Brother Isaac B. Ball will continue to serve as Club advisor and discussion leader.

The new officers were installed at a semi-formal dance at Berkeley Ward, June 7. The event featured a vacation theme in programs and decorations, and was enjoyed by about 60 couples.

Ben Easton Sampson, the new president, is a senior student from Delta, Utah, who taught in the L. D. S. Seminary in Driggs, Idaho, 1944-45. Ben is working on a degree in Hispanic American studies. His wife is Carol.

The outgoing president is Richard Poll, who calls both Fort Worth, Texas, and Payson, Utah, home. A graduate student in history, he took B. A. and M. A. degrees from Texas Christian University, where he was president of the student body in 1937-38. Dick, his wife, Emogene, and their daughter, Marilyn, are members of the Claremont Ward. An A. A. F. veteran, he has been awarded a Willard Thompson scholarship for 1946-47 by the University of California.

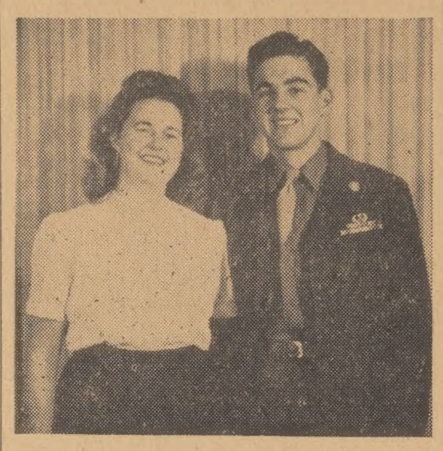
Lola Nielsen, the new vice-president, was the Berkeley Ward M. I. A. Queen this spring. She is a sophomore and aims for a degree in letters and sciences.

Anne Wood is finishing her sophomore year as a public speaking major. A resident of Berkeley most of her life, Anne is an active member of the Claremont Ward.

Walter Scott, recently returned from service in the Pacific with the A. A. F., is a junior next year. He is working for a degree in electrical engineering. He recently moved to Orinda.

The servicemen's group on the campus is represented by David Cummings. A Navy V-12, Dave is majoring in physics as a junior student, and intends to pursue the subject after resuming civilian status this summer. He is a member of the Berkeley Ward Sunday School superintendency.

Lynn Fluckiger and Barbara Snow



Lynn is Group Leader at Camp Stoneman, near Pittsburg, while Barbara is Activity Counsellor, YLMIA, Pittsburg. Lynn and Barbara, together with three soldiers from Camp Stoneman and three girls from Pittsburg Ward, constitute a committee which plans and conducts activities under the direction of the Bishopric. Fireside Group meetings, Sunday afternoon activities, trips, excursions and parties have been featured to keep servicemen active and busy.

On Wednesday evenings Lynn conducts services at Camp Stoneman Chapel No. 1. The various chaplains who have been stationed at the Camp have expressed great admiration for the L. D. S. attendance at the L. D. S. services on Wednesday than they have at their Protestant and Catholic services Sunday mornings.

Gospel, The Key To World Peace

Address by Doctor Kelsen Before 247 "Quorum of 70"

If we divorce the religious or moral element from the plane of world peace and continue to adhere to the political element, then only if "God wrought a miracle" shall we have world peace, said Dr. Hans Kelsen, at the recent banquet of 247th Quorum of Seventy in the Elmhurst Chapel.

Dr. Kelsen, Professor of Political Science on the University of California campus, truthfully implied that "the wisdom of the wise shall perish," and that the "Gospel is the Key to World Peace," as stated by President George Albert Smith at the recent conference.

In addition to the remarks of Dr. Kelsen, a fine musical program was presented. Xylophone solo, George Thomas; vocal solo, Ruth Osmond, and a violin solo, Doriis Jefferis, after which President Herbert J. Marsh introduced the honored guests. Dr. and Mrs. Hans Kelsen, President Eugene Hilton, Dr. and Sister Emery Ranker, Brother and Sister Gifford Jackson, and the Presidency of the Quorum: Jack Hall, Roy F. Weindorf, Walter C. Hall, Manton M. Moody, Jack C. Fitzpatrick, Eugene S. Hilton, and J. Newell Christensen, Secretary.

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N. Cal. Mission News

President and Mrs. German E. Ellsworth attended June Conference and reported that the high point was the Testimony meeting at the Sunday morning session. Jack Hansen of the Klamath Falls, Oregon branch, was the first one to bear his testimony. Jack sailled for Australia June 14, to serve as a missionary for two years.

The Santa Rosa Branch, under the direction of President Thomas C. Byrne put on their "Amazin Dixie Minstrel" show at the Napa L. D. S. recreation hall, June 7th and the Vallejo L. D. S. recreation hall June 8th, before large crowds. Edith Carlquist, a missionary from Draper, Utah, directed the group. The next performance will be in Santa Rosa, June 19th. The show is very high class and well directed. Wards interested in high class entertainment would do well to contact President Byrne for a showing.

The L. D. S. Servicemen's Club at 1836 Alice Street, Oakland has been made available to the Elders traveling to Pacific points whose sailing accommodations are delayed. This makes a nice contact for these young men because of the home-like atmosphere and personal car from those in charge of the club. The fellows report a fine reception by Ken and Marie Thomas at the clubhouse.

John B. Laycock of the San Francisco Ward was one of the two missionaries recently leaving for Tonga. A farewell party for John was held in the Ward chapel June 4th.

The missionary quota for the Mission is increasing daily. Fifty-two full time missionaries are now laboring in the Northern California Mission. Ten more are expected June 21st, and five additional ones July 5th.

A high percentage of the missionaries are servicemen — some home only two weeks when called to serve.

High Council Appointments for July, August, 1946

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E. Richmond	Jacobs	Ranker
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Hayward	Chase	Snowball Neerings
Martinez	Wright	Chase
Maxwell Park	Tolman	Wright
Napa	Mayhew Nielsen	Tolman
Oakland	Thomas	Mayhew Nielsen
Pittsburg	Hilton	Thomas
Richmond	Larsen Evans	Hilton
Vallejo	Phelps	Larsen Evans
Fairfield	Ream Norberg	Phelps

"Everbody in America is rich and doesn't know it; rich in food, clothing, homes and every comfort and necessity" — Statement at Liahona Club dinner by Marion E. Caldwell, recently returned from over-seas service.

Two recent Biblical novels recommended in the N. E. A. Journal of May, 1946 are "David the King" by Gladys Schmidt, and "Behold Your King" by Florence M. Bauer.

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Lucille Schow was scolding her son, Larry, for getting on the furniture. He looked up at her and said, "Let's see you smile."—Alameda Ward.

Thee-year-old Kenny was spending a few days with his aunt, who served sliced oranges for breakfast. The first morning Kenny looked at them and clapped his hands. "Golly," he said, "sliced orange juice."—Hayward Ward.

On Sunday evening of March 3rd, after an enjoyable program, the children, along with the grown-ups, enjoyed a large birthday cake. The cake was decorated very beautifully in commemoration of the 104th anniversary of the Relief Society, and also had one candle in the center in honor of the first anniversary of the Relief Society in the Fairfield Branch. Trail-builder Gary Blaisdell played the selection "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen," one of President George Albert Smith's favorite songs.—Fairfield Branch.

Needles, thread, thimbles, scissors, lace and felt are not exclusive properties of little ladies. For proof one need only to have dropped in on a class of Blazer Boys in Berkeley Ward around Valentine Day. Teacher Pauline King found great pleasure in helping them in their efforts at plying the needles. The final products were red felt hearts, edged in pretty white lace, with a green pine tree (the Blazer's symbol) apliqued in the center, making lovely and gay pin cushions for valentine surprises.—Berkeley Ward.

Sharon Jenson and her sister, Marlene, were left alone one week end while their parents were away. Of course they wanted to get the house all cleaned nicely for their parent's return, so Saturday night they cooked themselves a nice dinner and while they were eating Sharon said, "Marlene, let's eat our breakfast tonight, so we can go right to work in the morning."—Alameda Ward.

A friend of his mother's offered to give Johnny, the naughty boy of his neighborhood, a dime if he would be good for a week. Johnny agreed and they shook hands on the deal. The next week, his mother's friend said, "I'm not going to ask your mother if you've behaved. Tell me yourself—have you eaned the dime?" Johnny thought a moment. In a small voice he said at last, "Give me a penny."—Hayward Ward.

MY PET

Before I came to Oakland to live, I lived in Wilmington, Califonia, and I lived in a place where I could not have a dog, and I wanted one.

When we came to Oakland, my daddy bought a place and last November when we went to San Pedro, Califonia, my aunt gave me a little pup. I was so happy for it. I named him "Boots." We bought him in the car from San Pedro, and he was good all the way to Oakland.

I have taught my dog to do some tricks—he speaks when he is hungry.—Janae Bodily, age eight years, Maxwell Park Ward.

Missionaries Aid

Mrs. Maude Nielsen, one of our own well known vocalists and teachers of voice has for years helped our newly-called missionaries by free coaching in the types of singing and choral conducting which the missionaries will usually find helpful in their labors in the field. Sister Nielsen may be reached by phoning Ashbury 1570.

Martinez Ward Gold and Green Ball

Tap dancer from Oakland, David Kent, Bonnie McKinney, Glenona Robison, Lois Dahlin, Pat Easton (Queen), Bishop Wayne F. McIntyre, Frances Nix, Jeanne Sant, tap dancer from Oakland, and Rozelle Kent.

YOUR FAVORITE VERSE

(Send in your favorite verse from scripture. Add a few lines of comment on your selection. Send as many and as often as you wish; we will quote one from each person in each issue, as far as space will allow.)

"And because of your faith, and your diligence and your patience in nourishing the word, by and by ye shall pluck the fruit thereof which is most precious, which is sweet above all that is sweet, and white above all that is white; yea pure above all that is pure. And ye shall feast upon this fruit until ye are filled that ye hunger not; neither shall ye thirst." Alma 40:32. Favorite of Elizabeth Peterson, Pasadena, formerly of Berkeley Ward.

"Therefore take no thought saying, 'What shall we eat or what shall we drink or wherewith shall we be clothed?' For your heavenly Father knoweth that you have need of all these things. But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Christ to the Nephite Twelve 11N. 14:33. Favorite of Nathan G. Tolman of the Stake High Council.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27. Favorite of Anna L. Ellsworth, former Stake Relief Society President.

(Best to sit down now and send in your favorite verse. May forget it if you delay. Postal card will do.)

Bishop Ashton's Stories

Told at Conference, January, 1946 Oakland Stake

IT'S DANGEROUS TO RUN LIGHT

Bishop Ashton retold a story by Apostle Callis who was on a train on one occasion when the train was stalled for some time because a great engine running alone had turned completely over in the ditch and caused a wreck ahead, blocking the track. The engineers of the two trains had gotten together during the wait, when one asked the other, "How did you come to have the wreck?" The answer was, "I guess I was just running too light."

So we get into trouble when we are running too light. Thank God for our burdens. They keep us from keeling over, very often. People get divorces because there are no children, no family burdens, to tie them together. Our burdens save us from many mistakes in life.

SOME PEOPLE CAN'T MOVE VERY FAST

An old colored minister was warming up his congregation for money for a church building Said he:

"This church has got to skip along faster."

Some soft groans were heard.

"This church has got to get running".

Groans more audible.

"This church has got to fly"

A very old member on the back seat shouted back, "Let her walk."

WHEN DO BOYS BECOME GOOD CITIZENS?

Boys become good citizens, not when they arrive at the age of 21, but when they are boys. When was the steam engine begun? When Stevenson, the boy, sat and puzzled over the steam lifting the lid on his mother's kettle. When were electric lights begun? Not at Menlo Park when Edison was an adult, but when he was experimenting as a boy in his home basement. When did the telephone begin? Not at the Philadelphia World's Fair where it was first shown, but in the questioning brain of the child, Alexander Graham Bell.

How You Say it Is Important, Too

In public speaking as in ordinary conversation the first thing is to **communicate** your ideas.

Sounds simple, and it is simple—**if, if,** and another **if** you talk as naturally and vivaciously as you converse.

One speaker says he always looks at the first few rows of people as he begins to talk, and then picks out a few "key" people in different parts of the audience and talks to them as directly as if conversing personally. That's one way it works.

Then he feels natural and easy. He isn't afraid to motion with his hands or point with his finger towards these key people. He finds himself emphasizing as in conversation, by change in speed, pitch and volume of speech, or by smiling, frowning, or even pounding the pulpit. And this invariably holds the attention.

Of course, he always prepares well and has something of importance to say.

But "How you say it is important, too."

East Richmond Ward News

Patty Pearson, one of our ten-year-old girls, made and presented a beautiful corsage to each member attending the Relief Society party held May 23rd. After a profitable morning of Welfare sewing, a pot-luck luncheon and games were enjoyed.

Claude Dewsnup and Shirley Sandell went by plane to Salt Lake City, where they were joined by Jack Dewsnup, BYU student. They will visit Grand Canyon and the Southern Utah Park.

Jessie Bradeson, our former Relief Society President, has opened a refreshment stand at her home on the Dam Road in San Pablo.

The Junior Fireside group of the Ward enjoyed two evenings of skating at Berkeley Iceland, May 17th and 18th. They gathered at the home of Brother and Sister Kenneth Gengler afterwards for refreshments.

Sister Gladys Stayner and family are moving to Tracy to make their home.

Beverly Quinn and Harold Draper of Kansas City were married June 12th by Bishop Alma Mortensen.

A birthday party in honor of Kenneth Gengler was given at the Rod and Gun Club at the Standard Oil Company, Wednesday, May 8th. A supper was served after which dancing was enjoyed.

Richmond Ward News

The following officers and teachers of the Richmond Ward were released June 3: Wilfred Horne as 1st councilor in the Bishropic, Leonard Harris as 2nd councilor, Wallace Chatwin as 1st councilor in the YMMIA, Judson H. Stoddard, chairman of the Genealogical committee, William Fuller, teacherof the Gospel Doctrine class, Bob Stowers, Aaronic Priesthood advisor, Leonard and Margaret Harris, Fireside group advisors.

The following were sustained: the Bishropic, Judson H. Stoddard, Leonard Harris as 1st councilor in 2nd councilor; Wallace Wightman, teacher of the Gospel Doctrine Doctrine class; Reva Callap and Wallace Wightman, advisors of the Fireside group; LeRoy Hare, 1st councillor in the YMMIA; Delbert H. Carman, Aaronic Priesthood advisor.

Our Fireside group has been actively participating in Sunday evening services. Brother and Sister Haris have done fine work with these young people. They were entertained by the group on June 4th and presented with a gift for their home.

The 5th Quorum of Elders met for a pot-luck supper and party. Brother Kenneth Callap, President, presided.

The M. I. A. sponsored two lively parties recently. On May 24th the Carnival idea was carried out in decoration and entertainment. The theme on June 7th was "Summertime."

Wallace Chatwin, who has been active in our M. I. A. and Fireside, has been discharged from the Navy at Alameda and has returned to his home in Provo, Utah.

Claremont Ward News

After Bond Sunday in Claremont our building fund leaped up $500.00. We'll try it again another Sunday.

We're anxiously awaiting the return of Dorothy Brown, June Nielsen and Helen Burdett from Salt Lake with a report on the Mutual Conference.

The JeRoy Hiltons had a real treat for us when we went to an outing at their home June 1. After much feasting and visiting around a big bonfire we settled ourselves in their living room for a truly inspirational hour when Ellen Cook reviewed the book "The Rejected Cown."

Heber Brown's pinto stallion "Phlagg" proudly wears a silver bit and his stable is papered with blue ribbons he carried off from the famous Arlington Hills Horse Show. Heber's happy, too!

Keep a sharp lookout for news about a bangup Mutual party our Mutual officers are concentrating on.

Have you heard that Spencer Elllsworth arrived May 31? That makes him the youngest member of our Ward to date. He's indeed fortunate to come to parents as wonderful as Heber and Miriam.

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News Items from Southern California

From
"California Intermountain News"

Dr. . Douglas Barnes, a graduate of U. C. and a former leader in Berkeley Ward, was released in May from his six-year term as Stake President in the Southland. During his term of office, a beautiful Stake Tabernacle was erected in Long Beach. His friends in Oakland Stake will regret to learn that ill health has caused the retirement of Doctor Barnes. His successor is Virgil Sponberg, a former Councellor to Elder Barnes. Long Beach Stake celebrated its 10th anniversary on May 3rd at a grand banquet at which Doctor Barnes presided and Russell Hodgson, brother of Mrs. Rachel Ball and Counsellor in the original Stake Presidency, spoke.

DESERET INDUSTRIES

"Deseret Industries" is a thriving part of the Welfare program in the seven L. D. S. Stakes in Southern California. This work utilizes a truck to gather salvage from the saints homes, Stake by Stake, Ward by Ward, on announced schedules. Welfare workers recondition and sell this material at the "Industries" store.

CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE

Alma "Ned" Redding, publisher of the Inter-Stake L. D. S. newspaper in the Southland, "California Intermountain News" is a very active candidate for the non-political office of Supervisor of the Second District in Los Angeles County.

GREAT WARD CHOIR

The Adams Ward Choir in Los Angeles completed in April an ambitious four-day singing and sight seeing tour which took them as far as Las Vegas, Nevada and Mesa, Arizona. Arriving home they soon gave a grand concert for the benefit of the Ward building fund.

THE KING SISTERS

The famous former radio stars, the King Sisters and their father, W. King Driggs, former musical conductor of cantatas and choirs in Oakland Stake, are constant entertainers in Ward and Stake functions in and about San Fernando, their present home, where the girls conduct a ladies' dress shop.

NEW MISSION PRESIDENT

Oscar O. McConkie, with his wife, has recently arrived in Los Angeles to take over his duties as President of the California Mission. The new mission President is the author of two religious books. While he was serving on the Ensign Stake High Council, he organized the Stake Mission, and during the time he served as head of this group, more than 600 converts were baptized. Mrs. McConkie has served eight years as a member of the General Board of the Relief Society.

L. D. S. BOY AT BIKINI

Dr. Don Kirkham, son of Francis W. Kirkham, a brother to Oscar Kirkham, will be senior physicist on the observation ship which will determine explosive speed and force of the atomic fission, wind velocities, temperatures, etc., when the atomic bomb is dropped on Bikini.

SPEECH CONTESTS

Cooperation of the Speech Department of the B. Y. U. and an Inter-Stake Speech Committee in Southern California has culminated in an Inter-Stake speech contest there. Stake and Inter-Stake contests have taken place. Besides the high honors as winners, the victorious speech-makers receive for each Stake winner a half year scholarship to the B. Y. U. and for the winner over all, a full year's scholarship. Topic for this year's speeches is "The L. D. S. Contribution to Lasting Peace."

"Mormon activities in Southern California" is the title of a huge historical and biographical volume now being prepared under the general editorship of Leo J. Muir, author, peacher, educator and former Stake and Mission President.

$5000.00 BANQUET

Hollywood Ward, at a banquet in April, raised $5000.00 for their building fund.

Church Scriptures In Russian

Andre K. Anastasiou, President of the British Mission during the war, spoke at the sacrament meeting at Claremont Ward on April 14, and at the Fireside meeting aftewards.

Brother Anastasiou told of the experiences of the British Mission during the war years; how they emphasized seven points: to have prayer night and morning, take the sacament worthily and not bear false witness, keep the Sabbath holy, sustain loyally those in authority, pay titning and fast offering, keep the word of wisdom, and have temple work done.

COLORADO L.D.S. MONUMENT

On May 14, George Albert Smith discussed with Gov. John C. Vivian, the erection of a monument on the outskirts of Pueblo to commemorate the first anglo-Saxon settlement in Colorado.

Walnut Creek Branch Now in Oak. Stake

On Sunday, June 2, 1946, the Walnut Creek Branch of the church was transferred from the Northern California Mission to Oakland Stake of Zion. A good turnout greeted the officers of Oakland Stake and the following branch organization was effected: Kenneth Jensen, President, with John Openshaw as first counsellor, and Lloyd Johnson as Sunday School Superintendent. Plans are being made for a Relief Society, a Primay and a Priesthood group.

On Wednesday evening, June 5, a swimming party was enjoyed by the members of the Branch. The Branch members are advised to attend Sacrament meeting in Oakland Ward until further notices are given out.

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